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HAS BEEN USED TO ANSWER ALL QUERIES ON THIS SUBJECT:

" Q: ANY COMMENTS ON THE STORY IN TODAY'S WASHINGTON POST
ABOUT RECRUITMENT OF AMERICANS TO FIGHT IN ANGOLA?

A: WE ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ON A
REGULAR BASIS CONCERNING REPORTS OF RECRUITMENT ACTIVITY
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. WHENEVER THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS
REGARDING RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES, THEY ARE LOOKED INTO BY
THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, WHICH HAS ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBI-
LITY FOR CRIMINAL LAWS COVERING THESE MATTERS.

RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES IN THE UNITED STATES VIOLATES
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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18 -959, AND IS PUNISHABLE BY

A FINE OF UP TO DOLS 1,000 OR IMPRISONMENT UP TO 3 YEARS
OR BOTH.

LIKEWISE, ANY AMERICAN WHO IS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO EN-
LISTS IN FOREIGN ARMED FORCES COMMITS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE

(EITHER -958 OR -959). AND -960 IS APPLICABLE TO ARMED
EXPEDITIONS ORGANIZED IN THE UNITED STATES. ALSO, ANY-
ONE WHO FIGHTS IN FOREIGN ARMED FORCES MAY RISK LOSS OF
CITIZENSHIP (8 USC -1481 (A) (3)). ON SEVERAL RECENT
OCCASIONS, WE HAVE BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY MADE THE
THESE FACTS KNOWN.

WE ARE DISTRESSED BY ALL REPORTS OF RECRUITMENT ACTIVI-
TIES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES, A NUMBER OF WHICH HAVE
COME TO OUR ATTENTION IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS. ALL
INFORMATION THAT COMES TO OUR ATTENTION IS AUTOMATICALLY
FORWARDED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION."
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